GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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Degrees/Diplomas under Skill India
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that the degrees or diplomas under Skill India are accepted and recognised by the private sector companies;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the linkages between the industry and the Skill India mission;

(c) whether there is a list of skills being written down which are to be recognised by the private sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

(a) to (e) The National Skills Policy (2015) establishes quality and relevance as two principles underpinning the policy. Accordingly, the Government of India has established a new system that is intended to be more responsive to skill demand by forming 40 Sector Skill councils (SSCs) through National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). These SSCs are designed to be national partnership organizations that bring together industry, labour and the academia. They are led by industry leaders in respective sectors. These Sector Skill Councils have collectively created more than 4500 National Occupational Standards (NOSs) for 1661 Job Roles relevant to the industry requirements and released curriculum for 259 job roles and Model Content for more than 50 courses. To assure quality of output of the Skilled Manpower, more than 1600 courses of these SSCs have been developed as Qualification Packs (QPs) of which approx 1500 aligned to National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF). Since industry has been instrumental in developing and validating these NOSs and QPs, the training based on these NOSs and QPs are likely to be more acceptable to the industry.

Further, it has been decided to set up a National Board for Skills Certification (NBSC), an autonomous professional Board to conduct examinations, assessments and award national level certificates in compliance with National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) for skill development courses in the country, which promotes uniformity, standardisation and quality in skills assessments across the country. This will add to acceptance of the certificates by the industry.

Apart from the above, to improve linkages with the industry, their representation has been also ensured in the Governing Council of the National Skill Development Mission (NSDM), an apex body, under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister which provide overall guidance and policy directions in achieving the objectives of NSDM.